SBLOOSH
CENTRAL COM-MAND...
DO YOU COPY?
SBLOOSH
THIS IS HAYA-BUSA.
Fuso Imperial Year 2598.
"THE FUSO SEA INCIDENT."
GRUM
GRUM
GRUM
GRUM
GRUM
IT'S CAUSING SOME NOISE ON THE COMMUNI-CATION CHANNELS.
YOU SEE THIS STORM.
COPY, HAYABUSA. THIS IS CENTRAL COMMAND.
HOWEVER, IT DOESN'T LOOK BAD ENOUGH TO AFFECT THE MISSION.
By Imperial Decree, the following forces are to deploy in the name of the Emperor to face the renewed threat of the alien Neuroi--33 ships of the Imperial Navy Combined Fleet, to be led by the battleship Nagato, and...
SWOOSH
PROCEED AS PLANNED. REPEAT, PROCEED AS PLANNED.
COPY, CENTRAL COMMAND.
GOOD LUCK TO YOU. HAYABUSA OUT.
...the flowers of the Empire... the Witches.

CHAPTER 00: FLASH IN THE FUSO SEA

SKRRR
INCOMING MESSAGE FROM OUR SCOUTS!
SKRRR
SIR!
RMBL
SIR, TOO MANY NEUROI TO COUNT!!
RMBL
NEUROI--!
ENEMY SIGHTED, 12 O'CLOCK!
FWOOOOO
ALL SHIPS, PREPARE FOR INCOMING AERIAL ASSAULT!!
SO THIS IS IT.
GRUMM
ALL SHIPS PREPARE FOR AERIAL ATTACK....
...WITHOUT A FIGHT!
YOU WON'T TAKE OUR EMPIRE...
FLASH
RUDDER HARD TO PORT! BEGIN EVASIVE MANEUVERS!!

FLASH
AND NOT JUST OUR FLEET...
Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Fleet
VICE ADMIRAL FURUTA ZENICHI
THE FATE OF OUR ENTIRE NATION RIDES UPON THEIR SUCCESS.
WOOO
GRMM
DO YOU REALLY THINK THEY CAN DO IT, SIR?
GRMM
THEY MUST, OR OUR ENTIRE FLEET IS FINISHED.
WITH THAT SMALL OF A FORCE...
CLENCH

AND AFTER ALL THESE BATTLES, WE'RE ALL RUNNING LOW ON MAGIC! WHAT'LL WE DO?!
THE STORM ISN'T AFFECTING THEIR MANEUVERABILITY ONE BIT!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
TAKEKO!

FWOOO
SO IT'S BEGUN
FWOOO
FWOOOOOO
AS PLANNED OUR GROUP WILL BE IN CHARGE OF SHOOTING DOWN THE NEUROI MOTHER SHIP
ALL PILOTS STAY WITH YOUR WINGMATE AND WORK IN TANDEM!

Exhaustion, from the war bogging down into a tedious, grinding battle of attrition...

Bewilderment, from exhausted Witches flying on too little rest or magical power...

HOW COULD THEY HOPE TO ACHIEVE VICTORY?
EVERYONE WHO CAN HEAR MY VOICE, INCREASE ALTITUDE UNTIL YOU BREAK THROUGH THE CLOUD-COVER!
ATTENTION ALL REMAINING UNITS! CHANGE OF PLAN. REPEAT, CHANGE OF PLAN!
FWOOOOOO
Surrounded by their companions, falling one by one...
ENEMY RESISTANCE FIERCER THAN EXPECTED! CURRENT PLAN DEEMED TOO DANGEROUS!

Chapter 00:
Flash in the Fuso Sea
[Mission Complete]

August 29th, 1938.
2330 hours.
Above the Fuso Sea...
HM?
HEY, TOMOKO?
HAVE YOU DECIDED WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO ONCE THIS WAR IS OVER?
FWOOOO
I'M GOING TO KEEP FLYING OF COURSE. COULDN'T YOU GUESS?
FWAP
WHERE'D THAT QUESTION COME FROM?
— "FLASH IN THE FUSO SEA" —
TRUE.
HOW VERY LIKE YOU.
WELL, WE'RE ALL COUNTING ON YOU, TOMOE GOZEN-SAN.
Coming Soon to a Theater Near You!